

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1 1873,

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE COLLECTOR, TREASURER, AND ENGINEERS OF
THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BOSTON:

BABB & STEPHENS, PRINTERS, 114 STATE STREET.

1873.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1872.

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, AND SURVEYORS OF
HIGHWAYS,

DANIEL RUSSELL, JOHN H. CLARK,
GEORGE F. STONE.

TOWN CLERK,
JAMES WORTHEN.

TREASURER,
DAVID FAIRBANKS.

COLLECTOR,
GEORGE S. BOARDMAN.

ASSESSORS,
S. O. DEARBORN, A. E. STEELE,
GEORGE FARNSWORTH.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
E. P. WOODBURY, 1 year.
NELSON COCHRAN, 2 years.
D. W. GOOCH, 3 years.

AUDITORS,
E. H. GOSS, J. R. NORTON.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of Melrose:

In accordance with custom, we, as Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of Highways, submit to you the following statement of the expenses paid on account of the town during the financial year ending March 1, 1873 :—

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

APPROPRIATION, \$13,000.

R. F. Leighton, 40 weeks,	\$2,300 00
F. L. Smith,	550 00
Mary L. Charles,	800 00
Lucy W. Bisbee,	600 00
Julia M. Porter,	600 00
Emma M. Cate,	600 00
Ella M. Pinkham,	270 00
Georgie F. Treadwell,	550 00
Chastine Emerson,	550 00
F. L. Noyes,	550 00
M. M. Underwood,	550 00
Sarah E. Pratt,	500 50
Nellie M. Buffum,	512 50
Jennie L. Crie,	550 00
Annie T. Warren,	550 00
M. M. Gilman,	550 00
F. L. Cowdry,	49 50
Fannie E. Grover, music,	482 00

Amount carried forward, \$11,114 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$11,114 50	
Charles Furneaux, drawing,	60 00	
T. F. Leonard, elocution,	72 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,246 50
John Shine, Janitor, 1871,	125 00	
John Shine,	150 00	
I. W. Simonds,	53 00	
O. K. Stebbins,	100 00	
A. B. Pierce,	410 00	
I. Noeroth,	72 00	
A. L. Upham,	50 00	
Asa Church,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,010 00
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		\$12,256 50

Fuel.

S. E. Benson,	\$837 62	837 62
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School Committee.

N. P. Selee,	\$101 00	
Nelson Cochran, 1871,	112 64	
“ “ 1872,	102 90	
F. P. Woodbury,	200 00	
	<hr/>	516 54
		<hr/>
		\$13,610 66

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Town appropriation,	\$13,000 00	
From State school fund,	226 06	
Deficiency,	384 60	
	<hr/>	\$13,610 66

COMMON.

Paid Stephen Hyde, labor,	\$48 00	
Michael Kelly,	36 00	
C. Boardman,	55 25	
P. McMahan,	21 00	
	<hr/>	\$160 25
Paid C. Pratt, posts,	\$33 40	
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber,	9 94	
W. I. Farnsworth, “	20 04	
“ “ “	98 65	
R. Toussell & Co., “	166 78	
Bugbee & Barrett, nails,	16 17	
	<hr/>	344 98
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		\$505 23
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Deficiency,	5 23	\$505 23

MEMORIAL DAY, AND FOR TABLETS FOR
SOLDIERS.

Albert T. Snaith, for ten tablets,	\$277 00	
A. Hocking, commander of post, for		
sundry small bills,	64 54	
Band,	143 00	
Keyes Brothers, for flags,	2 50	
	<hr/>	210 04
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		\$487 04
Balance in favor fund,		12 96
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		\$500 00
Appropriation by town,		500 00

CEMETERY.

Nathaniel Howard, labor,	\$72 24	
Deering & Co., for lumber,	13 42	
A. W. Lynde, work,	5 00	
Nathaniel Howard, selling lots,	10 00	
David Fairbanks,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$114 66

LAND DAMAGES.

W. I. Ellis, land to widen Myrtle st.,	\$220 00	
Appropriation,	220 00	
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CEDAR PARK.

Amount paid for grading and building street,		\$569 00
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Deficiency,	69 00	
	<hr/>	569 00

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Paid for four drinking fountains,	\$600 00	
Public use,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,600 00
Appropriation for drinking fountains,	600 00	
“ “ Water, public use,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,600 00

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

APPROPRIATION, \$3,000.

For stoves, stove pipe, and repairs :—

J. C. Howes, 1871,	\$111 65	
“ “ 1872,	443 33	
	<hr/>	\$554 98
W. G. Shattuck,	\$105 00	
“ “	263 81	
	<hr/>	368 81
A. B. Rogers, painting,	\$119 45	
“ “ “	58 65	
	<hr/>	178 10
W. E. Wetherbee, painting,	\$14 00	
“ “ “	166 81	
	<hr/>	180 81
Bugbee & Barrett, pail, brooms, etc.,	\$2 45	
“ “	9 16	
	<hr/>	11 61
J. Porter & Co.,	\$49 53	49 53
C. A. Eastman, books,	56 79	
“ “ “	87 56	
“ “ “	36 46	
	<hr/>	180 81
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, glass and setting,	\$10 25	
“ “ “	2 00	
	<hr/>	12 25
T. W. Ripley & Co., printing,	\$81 83	
“ “ “ “	69 00	
	<hr/>	150 83
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown,	\$29 60	
“ “ “	226 50	
	<hr/>	256 10
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$1,943 83

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,943 83
Babb & Stephens, printing,	\$11 00	
Globe, advertising,	2 50	
Traveller, “	6 25	
Journal, “	4 50	
Transcript,	2 00	
	<hr/>	26 25
Simeon Lock, work,	\$275 00	
“ “ “	407 91	
“ “ “ Vinton street,	323 75	
	<hr/>	1,006 66
A. B. Pierce, labor.	\$16 20	
Gould & Delano, medals,	45 50	
D. O. Norton,	45 50	
C. E. Keith, tuning piano,	2 00	
T. B. Stantial, work,	4 00	
Ellis & Co., “	38 63	
F. P. Woodbury,	15 00	
Burton, Fellows & Co.,	15 50	
C. Wakefield, mats,	19 17	
O. F. Howes,	11 12	
Levi Martin,	95 50	
T. R. Spear,	26 80	
S. Ellison, mason,	148 33	
O. K. Stebbins,	8 25	
Asa Church,	4 00	
White & Goulard,	3 25	
Mrs. O'Riley,	7 20	
M. F. Eastman, express,	17 55	
Mary Gallagher, work,	7 20	
D. H. Walker,	12 50	
H. H. Cline,	11 50	
		554 70
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<i>Amount carried forward.</i>		\$3,531 44

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$3,531 44
W. A. Remick,	\$3 00	
A. P. Lynde,	6 75	
Joel Snow, labor and materials,	1,118 26	
A. T. Stearns & Son, lumber,	214 32	
Ginn Brothers, charts,	147 50	
C. R. Bradford & Co., window shades,	124 62	
Orne Upham,	14 00	
	<hr/>	1,628 45
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		\$5,159 89

It will be seen that several bills contracted in 1871 have been paid this year, and several bills of the present year, amounting to about \$300, have been presented since this report was prepared for the press, which have not been approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

APPROPRIATION, \$6,000.

Lour & Rice, 2 hose carriages,	\$2,700 00
“ “ sundry tools,	32 00
H. A. Winship & Co., belts, pipes, etc.,	107 00
“ “ 1,000 ft. hose,	1,600 00
A. W. Mitchell & Co., 40 badges,	50 00
Joel Snow, building house,	330 00
“ sundry bills,	57 60
J. B. Souther, bill for chairs, etc.,	35 00
D. H. Walker, 4 sets runners,	191 00
Summers & Hunt, rubber hose coupling,	10 35
Belt Leather Stuffing Co.,	81 38
F. Curtis,	7 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$5,201 83

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,201 83
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber,	25 60
“ “ “	14 25
W. C. Wetherbee, painting,	27 41
M. F. Eastman, express,	7 45
M. & M. Gas Co.,	10 35
J. C. Howes,	103 72
W. A. Remick,	5 50
T. McCoubry,	1 25
S. E. Benson, coal,	35 05
T. B. Stantial,	34 30
H. Russell,	2 00
M. C. Warren & Co.,	37 07
Bugbee & Barrett,	8 81
K. Philpot,	15 00
O. Emerson,	35 00
Engineers,	90 00
Russell Hose Co. No. 1,	212 50
Wyoming “ “ 2,	125 00
Highland “ “ 3,	75 00
24 poll taxes 1871,	48 00
F. Gibbons,	30 00
T. B. Stantial,	33 97
H. Cline,	20 00
J. P. Deering & Co.,	3 50
H. Russell,	15 40
J. B. Souther,	10 00
Masonic Association, rent,	112 50
Bugbee & Barrett,	1 05
Hook & Ladder Co.,	137 50
J. Baker,	20 00
	<hr/> \$1,297 18
	<hr/> \$6,499 01

POOR.

APPROPRIATION, \$2,500.

City of Lynn, for T. Peabody, Jr.,	\$20 00
St. Vincent Asylum, support of H. Lyman,	30 00
City of Boston, aid to L. Baldwin and W. A. Johnson,	29 25
Town of Woburn, support of L. W. Harris,	282 65
Town of Swampscott, support of T. Peabody, Jr.,	34 00
Town of Stoughton,	235 50
City of Chelsea,	49 75
“ Charlestown, support of M. L. Waitt,	75 00
Dr. Abbot, medical attendance on Mrs. Loring,	47 00
Dr. Abbot, vaccination,	7 00
Hill Brothers, supplies C. Howard,	104 00
“ “ “	72 00
George Lynde, for wood,	4 83
S. F. Barrett, tickets to travellers,	2 90
Jacob Kimball, rent for Mrs. Crafts,	102 50
John A. Worthen, supplies to poor,	11 94
B. R. Upham, rent for Mrs. Grover,	48 00
John Larabee, medicine allowed sundry poor,	27 70
J. Crowley, rent for Mrs. Loring,	50 00
A. Wheeler & Co., supplies to Mrs. Loring,	46 51
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, support of Mr. Thomas,	183 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,463 53</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,463 53	
S. E. Benson, coal furnished sundry persons,	87 30	
M. Kimball, support of family of C. G. Howard,	521 40	
Mrs. Mahan, for feeding and lodging travellers,	97 00	
James Worthen & Co.,	123 55	
John S. Page, board of Mrs. Barron,	108 00	
J. W. Symonds, support of Mrs. Conner,	166 50	
J. Holbrook, supplies furnished small-pox patients,	82 47	
Bugbee & Barrett, supplies to Mrs. Crafts,	159 00	
Bugbee & Barrett, supplies to Mrs. Morcomb,	51 00	
Bugbee & Barrett, supplies to A. J. Grover,	113 00	
Bugbee & Barrett, supplies to Mr. Var-num,	8 50	
S. Locke, rent for Mrs. Forbes,	72 00	
“ “ “ Adams,	125 04	
C. T. Bean, medical attention to Mrs. Kranby,	48 00	
Town Malden, for support of Slaves } and Atwood, }	300 60	
	1 12	
G. F. Stone, tickets furnished travellers,	90	
D. Russell, do.,	4 42	
	<hr/>	\$2,069 80
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		\$3,533 33
Appropriation,	\$2,500 00	
Balance last year,	92 76	
Deficiency,	940 57	
	<hr/>	\$3,533 33

HIGHWAY.

APPROPRIATION, \$———.

Ellis & Co.,	\$3 20
John Lynde,	2 65
Peterson & Parker,	8 00
F. M. Corsen,	21 78
H. C. Richardson, labor,	918 00
Bugbee & Barrett,	1 50
Jabob Gobel,	1 00
J. W. Buttrick, teams,	408 70
G. F. Boardman, gravel,	52 80
Ellis & Co., work,	127 75
T. McCoubry, grates,	15 00
Hodges, gravel,	46 70
Aaron Green, work,	99 70
“ “ “	61 70
A. W. Lynde, “	62 00
“ “	57 00
John Hawkins,	971 50
“ “	1,130 12
Wheaton, blacksmith,	8 95
“ “	4 60
J. W. Butterick, teams,	54 00
James Worthen & Co., nails,	2 66
H. C. Richardson,	1,674 67
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber,	74 21
J. W. Buttrick,	4 50
F. Bennett,	15 00
S. E. Benson,	10 60
James Worthen & Co.,	2 86
T. B. Stantial, work,	26 24

Amount carried forward,\$5,867 39

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$5,867 39	
F. A. Messenger,	20 00	
A. W. Lynde,	60 00	
S. W. Nichols, work,	15 00	
James Worthen & Co.,	1 26	
H. A. Norris, gravel,	216 00	
J. L. Hodges,	42 60	
H. H. Cline,	15 00	
T. McCoubry, blacksmith,	20 69	
G. G. Nichols, gravel,	36 00	
Charles Boardman,	43 70	
A. W. Lynde,	80 00	
H. C. Richardson,	111 37	
J. P. Deering & Co.,	13 94	
H. C. Richardson,	69 62	
Jefferson Low,	22 00	
D. L. Taylor,	74 00	
T. McCoubry,	8 75	
E. Fuller,	23 40	
H. C. Richardson,	34 75	
Ellis & Co.,	50 00	
A. W. Lynde,	28 00	
H. C. Richardson,	82 00	
Ellis & Co.,	253 70	
“	334 75	
H. C. Richardson,	522 42	
	<hr/>	\$2,178 95
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		\$8,046 34
Appropriation roads,	\$5,000 00	
Drainage,	1,500 00	
Balance appropriation last year, 1871,	692 92	
Deficiency,	853 42	
	<hr/>	\$8,046 34

STREET LIGHTS.

H. C. Richardson, for oil furnished, and lighting 63 lamps,	\$669 54	
H. C. Richardson, for 1871,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$719 54
Malden & Melrose Gas Co., gas for quarter ending March 1,	\$120 15	
	153 00	
	243 00	
	183 60	
Repairs,	16 04	
	<hr/>	715 79
G. A. Faxon, repairing lanterns,	\$19 75	
A. U. Daily, " "	75	
	<hr/>	20 50
James Worthen & Co., lamps, chimneys, etc.,	39 42	
	<hr/>	\$1,495 25
Balance last year,	\$65 36	
Appropriation,	1,300 00	
Deficiency,	129 89	
	<hr/>	\$1,495 25

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES UNDER HEAD OF
CONTINGENTS.

POLICE.

Moses Briggs, services,	\$11 90	
A. B. Pierce, as police and notifying town meetings,	102 20	
W. N. Tyler, as police, serving notices, attention to small-pox patients,	82 70	
Joseph Holbrook, police, attention to small-pox patients,	142 00	
H. B. Newhall, police,	55 00	
H. C. Richardson, special police,	12 00	
H. W. Cushman, " "	15 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$420 80	

PRINTING.

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$420 80
H. C. Gray, advertising,	\$5 50	
“ “ notices,	1 00	
Annual reports,	70 00	
	<hr/>	76 50
L. B. Wilder, check book,	14 00	
Babb & Stephens, warrants for town		
meeting, posters, etc.,	50 50	
Haskell, tax bills,	12 50	
	<hr/>	\$153 50

LAMP POSTS AND LANTERNS.

Bubier & Co., two posts,	\$38 00	
B. P. Bowman, three lanterns,	24 00	
	<hr/>	62 00
		<hr/>
		\$636 30

DRAINING DIX POND.

H. C. Richardson, labor,	\$89 27	
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber,	78 56	
James Worthen & Co., nails,	7 72	
T. B. Stantial, labor,	48 12	
	<hr/>	\$223 67
Malden & Melrose Gas Co., repairs,	\$27 00	
“ “ “ “	16 86	
“ “ “ “	18 45	
D. L. & J. G. Webster, rent,	50 00	
Ellis & Co., express,	2 25	
“ “ “ “	55	
M. F. Eastman, express,	5 95	
	<hr/>	121 06
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$981 03

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$981
Moving safe,	\$30 00	
Rev. Mr. Burrell, damage by overflow,	75 00	
John Hawkins, removing nuisance,	2 00	
Nathaniel Howard, returning 65 deaths,	6 50	
James Worthen, recording and report- ing to State 31 marriages, 84 births, 81 deaths,	38 05	
Permits to remove dead persons,	3 50	
Paid postage stamps, envelopes, account books, etc.,	6 25	
J. C. Howes,	3 25	
James Worthen & Co.,	5 25	
David Fairbanks, fuel, stationery, etc.,	40 12	
Nelson Cochran, surveying and making reports,	18 00	
S. A. Boardman, three years' rent of hall,	225 00	
O. H. Stebbins, ringing bell,	2 00	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

E. H. Goss, auditor,	\$15 00	15 00
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Assessors.

S. O. Dearborn,	250 00	
A. E. Steele,	250 00	
G. W. Farnsworth,	250 00	
Book and printing,	9 50	
	<hr/>	759 50

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$2,210 45
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*Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Surveyors of
Highways.*

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$2,210 45
Daniel Russell,	\$200 00	
John H. Clark,	250 00	
G. F. Stone,	200 00	
	<hr/>	650 00
James Worthen, clerk to selectmen, making State aid and other reports,	180 00	
Annual Report,	35 00	
Cash paid expenses and time on busi- ness for the town,	10 00	
	<hr/>	225 00
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		\$3,085 45

SUMS PAID FOR WHICH THERE IS NO APPROPRIATION.

For drainage, order of County Commis- sioners, Ellis & Co.,	\$418 00	
S. O. Dearborn,	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$518 00
Repairs on Malden bridge,		1,440 00
Paid A. V. Lynde for rent of armory for battery three years, State aid, viz :—		150 00
Samuel Sprague,	\$120 00	
Sarah E. Stilphin,	96 00	
H. E. Morse ; C. H. Isburgh, guardian,	48 00	
William Story,	120 00	
Sarah Barrett,	48 00	
Mary F. Howard,	48 00	
Lwyon Weeks,	72 00	
	<hr/>	552 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$2,660 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$2,660 00
Joseph S. Eastman,	\$72 00	
Jennie T. Jackson,	48 00	
Helen E. Pool,	72 00	
H. W. Cushman,	48 00	
T. P. Nelson, guardian for A. S. }	24 00	
Champney and W. L. Champney, }		
Fannie Jackson,	4 00	
	<hr/>	268 00
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		\$2,928 00

APPROPRIATION FOR SUNDRY STREETS, VIZ.:

Myrtle street,	\$300 00
Herbert “	75 00
Prospect “	150 00
Cleveland “	300 00
Tappan “	300 00
Sanford “	250 00
Park “	100 00
Florence “	350 00
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	\$1,825 00
Paid on account of said streets,	\$1,000 00
Balance remaining,	825 00
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	\$1,825 00

Contracts have been made for the grading and building said streets, which were not completed last fall on account of the weather.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. CLARK, } *Selectmen*
 GEO. F. STONE, } *of Melrose.*

MELROSE, March 21, 1873.

REGISTRY OF DOGS.

162 males at \$2,	\$324 00
9 females, \$5,	45 00

REGISTRY OF BIRTHS FOR YEAR 1872.

Whole number of births,		84
Males,	52	
Females,	32	84
Fathers, American birth,	65	
“ foreign “	19	84
Mothers, American “	66	
“ foreign “	18	84

MARRIAGES.

Whole number,		31
Native born,	20	
Foreign “	5	
Of foreign and native,	6	31

DEATHS.

Whole number,		81
Males, married,	17	
Females, “	11	
Widowers,	3	
Widows,	9	
Males, single,	23	
Females, “	18	81
Under 1 year,	17	
“ 10 over 1,	7	
“ 20 “ 10,	9	
“ 30 “ 20,	8	
“ 40 “ 30,	8	
“ 50 “ 40,	8	
“ 60 “ 50,	6	
“ 70 “ 60,	7	
“ 80 “ 70,	6	
“ 90 “ 80,	4	
Unknown,	1	81

NEW TOWN HALL.

To paid, by order of committee, to Mary Dix, for house and land,	\$5,490 00
To paid, by order of committee, to George Newhall, for house and land,	7,500 00
To paid, by order of committee, to contractors, etc.,	7,800 00
To paid, by order of committee, sundry bills,	795 13
“ sundry expenses fitting Newhall house for rent,	12 80
To paid printing bonds,	40 00
“ for recording deed,	65
Total paid,	<u>\$21,638 58</u>

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By received for sale of Dix house and fence,	\$870 00
By received for sale of 26 town hall bonds, of \$1,000 each, with coupons attached, bearing 7 per cent interest, 20 years, payable semi-annually, April 1 and Oct. 1,	26,000 00
By received accrued interest at time of sale,	174 02
By received for three months' rent of Newhall chambers to March 1,	60 00
	<u>27,104 02</u>
Balance in treasury,	<u>\$5,465 44</u>

INSURANCE.

The school-houses and other property of the town (excepting the new High school building) were insured in the

Independent Insurance Co., Boston, which was made insolvent by the Chicago fire, and the property remained uninsured until June 7, 1872, when, by the direction of the selectmen, \$15,600 was insured in the Manufacturers Insurance Co., Boston, as appears in the account below. This company was rendered insolvent by the fire in Boston, November last; and by further direction, the property, with some additions, was reinsured in the Merrimack Mutual, Andover, Jan. 9, 1873, for five years. There was seven policies on the new High school-house, five of which made assessments, and one was totally insolvent, causing a re-insurance.

1872, June 7.	Paid premium on \$15,600 (Manufacturers),	\$390 00
1873, Jan. 9.	Paid premium on \$19,300 (Merrimack Mutual),	481 50
1873, Jan. 9.	Paid premium on \$3,000, reinsured on High school-house,	36 00
To March 20.	Paid assessments by five companies,	142 25
Total paid,		<hr/> \$1,049 75

For which an appropriation should be made.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Melrose:—

Your treasurer submits the following report of the receipts into and the payments out of the treasury, during the past year, and also of the present financial standing of the town.

Interest and Discount.

Paid one year's interest on standing loan of \$80,800, as follows:—

On \$55,800 bearing 6% interest,	\$3,348 00	
25,000 " 7% "	1,750 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,098 00
36,100 temporary loan (now paid),	\$466 85	
10,000 (not paid), 6 mos., to Oct.		
26, 1872,	350 00	
5,490 (1,050.20 paid) to Jan. 1,		
1873,	192 91	
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Total paid,		<hr/> \$6,107 76
By balance to March, 1872,	\$401 97	
Town appropriation,	5,500 00	
	<hr/>	5,901 97
In debt,		<hr/> \$205 79

There should be an appropriation of at least \$6,500, and more will be required, unless the taxes are collected and paid in more promptly than heretofore.

NOTE. See Water Fund account for interest on bonds.

DEFICIENCIES IN APPROPRIATIONS.

At the last annual meeting the town appropriated to meet the excess of expenditures over former appropriations, \$6,500.00.

The accounts were found to stand as follows : —

Against the School Fund, paid and unpaid,	\$1,512 93	
Against the School Contingents, paid and unpaid,	2,570 47	
Against the Poor Fund, paid,	344 96	—
Against Street Lights and Lighting, paid,	609 88	
Against Drainage (County Commissioners),	2,927 49	
	<hr/>	\$7,965 73
Leaving a deficiency of		\$1,465 73

For 1872 and 1873, there are further expenditures over appropriations, as follows : —

On School Contingents, paid and unpaid,	\$2,030 61
On Poor Fund, paid and unpaid,	1,054 48
On Highways, etc., paid and unpaid,	1,363 75
On Street Lights and Lighting, paid,	195 25
On Interest and Discount, paid,	205 79
On Fire Department, paid and unpaid,	39 01
On Insurance, paid,	1,049 75
On Cedar Park, paid,	69 00
On drainage (county commissioners),	518 06
On rent of battery,	150 00
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Total to be provided for,	\$8,141 43

A neglect to do so, increases the town debt and embarrasses the treasurer.

The question may arise why the treasurer continues to pay after the appropriation has been expended. He notified the selectmen, and the committee interested, when the several amounts had been used, and declined to pay orders in excess thereof. But a decision was made in our courts that a town treasurer was liable to pay all approved bills against the town, unless it was specially voted by the town that the expenditures on each appropriation should not EXCEED the amount voted. The taxes are assessed to meet the amount voted to be raised, and if the usual practice of overrunning the amount is to be continued, it is hoped that the town will fix the *limit*, as the statutes *make* provision for meeting all contingencies that may arise requiring additional expenditures.

MELROSE WATER FUND.

Dr.

1872, Mar. 1.	To cash paid on account to date, \$10,072 03	
1872, July 1.	To paid interest coupons on 100,000 bonds,	3,000 00
1873, Jan. 1.	To paid interest coupons on 100,000 bonds,	3,000 00
1873, Feb. 24.	To paid cash to Ellis & Co., bill on works,	700 00
1873, Feb. 24.	To paid bill for printing bonds, new series,	26 00
1872, Mar. 1.	To paid Geo. H. Norman, bill on works,	16,424 14

Total paid,	\$33,222 17
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$33,222 17
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$33,222 17
1872.	<i>Cr.</i>	
Mar. 1.	By cash paid in and town's appropriations to date,	\$11,225 50
Mar. 1.	By town's appropriation interest 1872-3,	2,500 00
1873.		
Mar. 1.	By received for sale of \$20,-000, new series bonds, payable in 20 years from Oct. 1, 1872, with coupons attached, payable April 1 and Oct. 1, each year, sold for 90%,	18,000 00
Mar. 1.	By received for five months accrued interest,	500 00
" 21.	By received cash on account at various times to date,	4,631 67
		<hr/> 36,857 17
	To credit of fund,	\$3,635 00

REPORT OF THE ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Fire Department consists of a board of five engineers, three hose companies, one hook and ladder carriage, and one hand engine; sixteen hundred feet leading hose, *good*; four hundred feet unserviceable.

Locations.

Russell Hose No. 1, 15 members; house Main street, formerly Endeavor engine house; in poor condition.

Wyoming, No. 2, ten men ; house Masonic building ; fitted up for the use of company, and leased the town for a period of five years.

Highland Hose, No. 3, ten men ; house on Franklin street ; temporary location.

Liberty Bigelow Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, twenty men ; house Main street, in same building with Hose No. 1.

Endeavor hand engine, located in house with Hose No. 2.

The hose and ladder carriages are all new, and in good order and repair. The Endeavor hand engine is in good working order.

There were nine alarms of fire during the year. Curry Woods, two ; from out of town, four ; from buildings in town, three. Amount of losses, \$2,000 ; nearly covered by insurance.

The board of engineers would recommend that an appropriation, for the repair of the present Hook and Ladder, and Hose No. 1 house, be made, to put the house in a condition for the use of both companies, or to furnish suitable apartments in the new town hall for the same. Also, on account of the misunderstanding relating to refunding members of the fire department their poll tax, that the vote whereby the same was authorized to be made be rescinded.

JOHN R. NORTON,	}	<i>Engineers.</i>
J. R. SIMONDS,		
T. B. STANTIAL,		
T. A. LONG,		
JAS. G. EMERSON,		

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1873.

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Nature of obligation.	Date.	When Due.	Rate of Interest.	Interest paid to.	Amount.
Treasurer's note	June 12, 1858	On demand.	6 per cent.	June 12, 1872	500 00
"	April 29, 1861	"	6 "	Oct. 29, 1873	1,000 00
"	July 26, 1861	"	6 "	Jan. 26, 1873	1,000 00
"	Dec. 8, 1862	"	6 "	Dec. 8, 1872	5,000 00
"	June 1, 1864	"	6 "	Dec. 1, 1872	4,000 00
"	July 2, 1864	"	6 "	Jan. 2, 1873	2,000 00
"	Dec. 1, 1864	"	6 "	Dec. 1, 1872	1,200 00
"	Feb. 13, 1865	"	6 "	Feb. 13, 1873	100 00
"	Sept. 7, 1865	Sept. 7, 1885	6 "	March 7, 1873	20,000 00
"	July 11, 1868	July 11, 1873	6 "	Jan. 11, 1873	1,000 00
"	Oct. 15, 1868	Oct. 15, 1873	6 "	Oct. 15, 1873	5,000 00
"	Oct. 15, 1868	Oct. 15, 1878	6 "	Oct. 15, 1873	5,000 00
"	Oct. 15, 1868	Oct. 15, 1883	6 "	Oct. 15, 1873	5,000 00
"	Oct. 15, 1868	Oct. 15, 1888	6 "	Oct. 15, 1873	5,000 00
"	June 1, 1870	Dec. 1, 1880	7 "	Dec. 1, 1872	12,500 00
"	June 1, 1870	Dec. 1, 1880	7 "	Dec. 1, 1872	12,500 00
"	April 26, 1872	On demand.	7 "	Oct. 26, 1872	10,000 00
"	May 13, 1872	"	6 "	Jan. 1, 1873	4,439 80
Water fund bond, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890, 6 per cent to July 1, 1873				Total,	95,239 80
" " 2d	Oct. 1, 1892, 6 per cent				100,000 00
Town hall	due Oct. 1, 1892, 7 per cent				20,000 00
					26,000 00
One order on highway, drawn, not paid					241,239 80
Due to town hall appropriation					23 40
" Melrose Water Fund (which town cannot use)					5,465 44
					3,635 00
Total debt					\$250,363 64

ASSETS AVAILABLE.

Cash in the treasury,	\$8,482 07
Uncollected taxes estimated,	9,000 00
Due from State on State aid,	980 00
Due from State on corporation tax,	115 00
Due from State for rent of battery,	150 00

It will be perceived that a note of \$5,000 will be due Oct. 15, 1873, and as it is in the State treasury, it will have to be paid, therefore some provision should be made for the payment thereof.

DAVID FAIRBANKS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

FROM MARCH 25, 1872, TO MARCH 20, 1873.

Dr.

To cash in treasury, March 25, 1872,	\$1,215 41
" received of State treasurer, on corpo- ration tax, 1871,	248 41
To cash received of State treasurer, on corpo- ration tax, 1871,	1,091 89
To cash received of State treasurer. Income Massachusetts School Fund,	226 06
To cash received for rent of Waitt house, 1872,	50 00
" " 2 auctioneers' licenses,	4 00
" " sale of 25½ cemetery lots,	886 00
" " account of State aid,	772 00
" " " of public library (dog tax),	308 02
To cash received for treasurer's notes. Tem- porary loan,	51,590 00
To cash received for town hall bonds. Sold \$26,000, and accrued interest,	26,174 02
To cash received for Dix house and fence, sold,	870 00
" " 3 months' rent, Newhall house,	60 00
To cash received on account Melrose Water Fund, as per account,	23,131 67
To cash received of collector on old taxes,	1,922 00
" " " taxes, 1872,	54,829 00
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	\$163,378 48

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By paid bills and orders on school fund of 1871-1872,	\$476 00
By paid orders on school fund of 1872-1873,	13,354 45
By paid bills and orders for school contingents, 1871-1872,	669 15
By paid orders for school contingents, 1872-73,	4,599 24
“ “ support of poor, “	3,533 33
“ “ highways, drainage, etc., 1872-1873,	8,022 94
By paid orders for Malden bridge, 1872-1873,	1,440 00
“ “ street lights and lighting, 1872-1873,	1,495 25
By paid orders for general contingents, 1872-73,	3,085 45
“ “ Wyoming cemetery, “	114 66
“ “ fire department, “	6,499 01
“ “ decoration day, “	487 04
“ “ drinking fountains, “	600 00
“ “ town's use of Spot Pond water, 1872-1873,	1,000 00
By paid orders for public common, 1872-1873,	505 23
“ “ Cedar Park (D. Bryant), 1872,	569 00
“ “ drainage (county commis- sioners),	518 06
By paid orders for rent of building for battery,	150 00
“ “ land damages, Myrtle street (W. I. Ellis),	220 00
By paid orders for and on account new streets,	1,000 00
“ “ public library,	958 02
“ “ State aid,	820 00
By paid State treasurer. Drawback on bank tax, 1871,	3 49
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$50,120 32

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$50,120 32
By paid State treasurer. State tax,	3,660 00
“ county treasurer. County tax,	2,122 32
“ treasurer’s notes. Temporary loan, 1871–1872,	9,500 00
By paid treasurer’s notes. Temporary loan, 1872–1873,	37,150 20
By paid for insurance and assessments. Town’s property,	1,049 75
By paid on account of new town hall,	21,638 58
“ interest and discount (as per account),	6,107 76
“ on account, Melrose Water Fund,	23,150 14
March 24. By treasurer $\frac{1}{8}\%$ for receiving and paying \$317,877.55,	397 34
“ 24. By cash in the treasury,	8,482 07
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	\$163,378 48

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID FAIRBANKS,

MELROSE, March 22, 1873.

Treasurer.

We have examined in detail the accounts and vouchers of the town treasurer, and find them correct.

E. H. GOSS, } *Auditors.*
J. N. NORTON, }

MELROSE, March 21, 1873.

The Water Commissioners respectfully submit,—

That in consequence of the sudden illness of Mr. Fairbanks, who has kept the books of the Board for the past year, they are unable to submit a detailed report at the present time, but will submit the same at the adjourned meeting.

WINGATE P. SARGENT.

W. IRVING ELLIS.

JOSEPH D. WILDE.

